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Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 6, line 13, please replace "6,00" with -- 6,000--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 23.

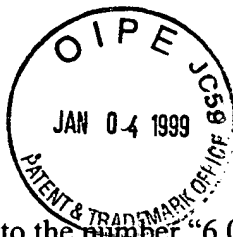
Please amend claim 19 as follows:

19. (Amended) A wound dressing comprises in combination
- (i) a first wound contact layer which preferably has a positive effect on the healing of the wound, wherein said first wound contact layer provides for clotting via agglutination of red cells,
 - (ii) a second layer of greater hydrophilicity than the first layer applied to said first wound contact layer, and
 - (iii) a breathable film associated with said first wound contact layer and said second layer having an increased MVTR capability in the presence of liquid water as compared to moisture vapor alone.

REMARKS

Claims 19-35 are pending. Claims 19-22, 24-34 and 35-36 stand rejected. Claims 23 and 35 are objected to. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Objection to Specification



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The Examiner has objected to the number "6,00" on page 6, line 13 of the specification as outside of the disclosed range. Applicant has amended the "6,00" to "6,000" as shown in the disclosed range. The omission was a clerical error and does not constitute new matter.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 19 stands rejected for omitting a description of the structural cooperation of the elements. Applicant has amended claim 19 to include such a description and respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

The term "hydroactive adhesive" in claim 35 is objected to as indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses. A hydroactive adhesive is an adhesive known to become hydrated due to the presence of water or water vapor so as to weaken the adhesive properties and prevent the dressing becoming "stuck" firmly to a patient's skin. Such an adhesive is described on pages 6 and 7 of the application, including an example sold by Innovative Technologies under the designation ITHA. Applicant respectfully submits that one of ordinary skill in the art would accordingly reasonably understand the term "hydroactive adhesive."

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

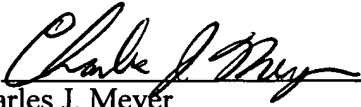
Claims 19-22, 24-34 and 35-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 in view of Ewall, U.S. Patent No. 4,977,892. Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 23 and 35 would be allowable if rewritten.

Applicant has amended claim 19 to incorporate the features of claim 23. Accordingly, amended claim 19 is believed allowable. Furthermore, claims 20-22 and 24-36 are dependent

upon claim 19 and are also believed allowable. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that all claims are now in condition for allowance and action towards such is respectfully requested. If it would be helpful to this process, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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